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RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE:
SOVIET BLOC AND COMMUNIST CHINA

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID-3 and NSCID-15, and for the purpose of strengthening the over-all governmental intelligence structure for the production of economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc and Communist China, the following policies and allocations are hereby established:

1. Policies

1.1 In discharging allocated responsibilities and effecting integration of economic intelligence, the interested departments and agencies will apply the following basic principles:

- a. No complete separation of areas of interest is possible or necessarily desirable in this field of economic intelligence.
- b. Full and free interchange of all intelligence information and finished intelligence between all agencies concerned is essential.
- c. No one agency is considered to be the final authority in any field; conclusions may be questioned by other IAC agencies and dissents recorded.
- d. Any agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement intelligence obtained from other agencies in order to fulfill its agency functions, but such studies should not normally be disseminated out-

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side the producing agency without advance consultation with the agency having primary responsibility for the subject-matter involved.

e. An agency charged with primary responsibility in a particular field will develop special competence in that field and will normally carry out all or most of the research in that field.

2. Responsibility for Intelligence Production

2.1 The general field of economic intelligence production is subdivided into three major areas, and allocation of primary production responsibilities therein is made as follows:

a. Production of intelligence on economic policies, economic organization, over-all economic trends, foreign economic relations, and other fields in which economic and political intelligence are interdependent shall be the primary responsibility of the Department of State. A more detailed outline of the scope of this responsibility is attached as Annex A.

b. Production of intelligence on the economic aspects of logistics, production and requirements of military end-items, target systems, and other fields in which economic and military intelligence are interdependent shall be the primary responsibility of the Department of Defense. A more detailed outline of the scope of this responsibility is attached as Annex B.

c. Production of intelligence on economic geography, commodities other than military end items, the civilian

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industries and plants which produce and consume such commodities, clandestine economic operations, and other fields which (1) are not directly dependent on political or military intelligence or (2) require industrial or technical competence, shall be the primary responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency. A more detailed outline of the scope of this responsibility is attached as Annex C.

2.2 It is recognized that, despite the above-mentioned allocations of primary production responsibilities and the more detailed outlines in the Annexes, there will be areas of common or overlapping interest which require continuing inter-agency liaison and such working-level conferences as may be appropriate.

3. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Coordination.

3.1 The Economic Intelligence Committee shall continue to perform the functions outlined in EAC-D-22/1 (revised), attached as Annex D.

3.2 In accordance herewith it shall prepare such detailed elaborations of the areas of agency responsibility set forth in this Directive or its Annexes as may be required.

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